

French show for children

THE French Cultural Centre and the French school, Lycée Bonaparte, are jointly organising a stage show for children tomorrow at the Qatar National Theatre.

Candice - the Space Adventurer, in French, is meant for children above the age of five.

Through the story of a girl travelling across the galaxy in search of her missing best friend, the moon, the show intro-

duces children to the different planets in the Milky Way.

The 40-minute show features Sophie Corbel, who is visiting Doha for the second year in a row. She hosts theatre workshops for primary school students.

Also in the cast is the show's producer, Arnaud Beunaiche. Since 2004, his interest in the Middle East has brought him to Lebanon and then to Qatar and Saudi Arabia, where he offers theatre courses.



Beunaiche ...
producer

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Space tale for children at National Theatre

'Candice, the Space Adventurer' tomorrow

DOHA: Children aged five and above will be treated to an adventure in space at the Qatar National Theater as they watch the show "Candice, the Space Adventurer (Candice l'aventurière de l'espace)" tomorrow.

Candice, the Space Adventurer, which was directed by actor and producer Arnaud Beunaiche, tells the story of an adventurous and funny young girl who has travelled everywhere within the solar galaxy searching for her best friend, Moon, who is missing.

The presentation will help children recognise the different planets and heavenly bodies as Candice traverses the solar system to investigate what has happened to Moon.

Sophie Corbel, a member of the Compagnie Emporte-Voix, plays the lead role. She has hosted a couple of theatre workshops for children in Doha for two years.

Beunaiche, who is from Le Mans, France, started his dramatic training in Paris. In 2002, he produced the musical "Pauline and Mateo," which starred mostly teenagers. Especially interested in shows for children, Beunaiche produced another musical in 2002 called "Antigone 2004" based on Anouilh, which featured around 110 young actors, singers and acrobats on stage.

In 2004, Beunaiche created the theatre company Compagnie Emporte-Voix where he produced shows for children that aim to bridge acting to Art, History and Citizenship. He's had several successes with "Matin Brun" by Pavloff and "La Rose Blanche" by Inge Scholl with Marén Berg.

His deep interest in the Middle East brought him to Lebanon in 2004 and then to Qatar and Saudi Arabia where he began to offer theatre courses.

Beunaiche has produced and performed in several shows internationally, his recent one was a movie role with Julie Delpy and Adam Goldberg in "Two Days in Paris." Candice, the Space Adventurer is sponsored by the Centre Culturel Français de Doha and Le Lycée Français Bonaparte.

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A poster of the show to be staged at Qatar National Theatre tomorrow. BELOW: Arnaud Beunaiche



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Play takes kids on space odyssey



Sophie Corbel with kids on stage at Qatar National Theatre on Sunday. (JALAL PATHYDOOR)

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DOHA Candice, the Space Adventurer, a French play directed and produced by actor Arnaud Beunaiche, left children spellbound at the Qatar National Theatre here on Sunday. The drama took the child spectators on a journey into the space.

Lead actress of the play, Sophie Corbel, dressed in glittery costume caught the fancy of children, aged five and above. The drama revolves around a daring young girl searching for her friend, Moon, who has gone missing. To find her, she spared no efforts, travelling everywhere in space.

Sara, a parent, commenting on the play said, "Such events help children playfully know about different planets. The drama also ignited the imagination of children about galaxy. I am prepared to face a volley of queries about the solar system from my child after the play."

The velvety blue screen on the background with glittering stars on it aroused the curiosity of children about the space. So attractive was the stage that many children among the audience had left their seats to stand near the stage.

Parents were lavish in their praise of Centre Culturel Français de Doha (French Cultural Centre) and Le Lycée Français Bonaparte (French

School), who had teamed up to stage the drama.

Sophie Corbel was so touched by the innocent appreciation of the play by children that she called many of them on the dais. It proved to be an icing on cake for the kids, as their joy knew no bound when they shared the stage with Sophie Corbel.

Sophie Corbel, a renowned French theatre artiste, is in Doha to organise theatre workshops for children. She is member of a drama company called Compagnie Emporte-Voix.

Arnaud Beunaiche's fascination for the Middle East region is well known and he is in Doha offering theatre courses to enthusiastic theatre lovers.